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Dear Mr May – The French were quite right – Mrs Childs Book and Theodore Parkers Defence came to hand. I owe you for the book you kindly lent me another Mem. of the money I owe for them. You sent me in a small slip of paper which went astray & I wish you would send another – or the amount with the quite a sale. The Massachusetts Reports & the Victims of the Fugitive Slave Law also arrived & have been distributed to the best of my ability. In future I could save many shillings in postage if you would send any of this kind without any address – and particularly without any compliments or remarks from any one written upon them. We can send under 4 oz. for a penny, under 8 oz. for 2 pence, under 16 oz. for 4 pence by post if the ends of the covers be left open. ~~But~~ And we can send 16 oz or over, of manuscript or print for 4d per pound, provided no letter be enclosed & the ends be open. But no parcel containing manuscript will be sent for less than 6d in a book parcel. Even though it only weight 2 ounces. There is I presume to save the time of the post office clerks in searching for letters in small parcels, sent by book post. Rather send me the whole quantity of tracts & books by steamers, & you in a letter any instruction you wish to have with it & I will have it sent to the respondents in the cheapest way. There is to save the slaves

business and East there. Now as to a resident agent I was talking to my wife this morning — & I think her opinion a good one that a new face occasionally would be the best, here. It would have more freshness & variety. Such a man as Wendell Phillips would be the very best. But he cannot come & is better employed on the battle field. Some man of refinement and education alone could fit into our educated select, exclusive society and have any useful influence. There is great jealousy of philanthropy, humbug, Boxerabooslagha, & such like. You understand me. I am not sure that any respectable would pay his expenses. I speak commercially. Every one you send is sure of a home with me as long as he can make good use of it for the cause. Many others whom you know would feel the same — but this point is to send the man that will bring most to the cause. It is just to the wish & benefit to the cause. It would be great thing to have some orthodox body to come forth as a thorough paced abolitionist in their ranks. The orthodox are wealthy & generous where their confidence is secured — but they are touchy & suspicious. I don't see out of my way for them. There is no use. I did get the Brothers Jonathan you sent me & am much obliged for it. The facsimile is really admirable. Canadian has caught the materials are for such an imitation. Mrs Smith sends me the Newport News & I find admirable writing in it — remarkable clever for a man of Mr Bailey's antecedents. But he is the right stuff of a man. The paper is I think needlessly coarse — but if it were too fine it would not do in Kentucky among the alligators.

I heard lately from Emma Watson
at Conway. Emma still delicate. The
rest are well except that E. W. W. complains
of her eyes as not quite strong.

I had several letters from Mrs Ellen
lately – the first for a long time.

The man Mott & wife called
here when I was out – thinking of re-
turning smoking and stated call – but
to my great regret never came.

My kind regards to James & L.
Mott & our others also know me in
Kent & Lewes – J. M. McKim & Sarah
Pugh in particular

Yours truly

Rich Webb